20O.

ORIGINAL.—Original minds are distinguished not by being the first to see a ne\v thing, but by seeing the old, well-known thing, which is seen and over-looked by every one, as something new. The first discoverer is usually that quite ordinary and un-intellectual visionary—chance.

2OI.

ERROR OF PHILOSOPHERS.—The philosopher believes that the value of his philosophy lies in the whole, in the structure. Posterity finds it in the stone with which he built and with which, from that time forth, men will build oftener and better—in other words, in the fact that the structure may be destroyed and yet have value as material.

202. -WIT.—Wit is the epitaph of an emotion.

203.

THE MOMENT BEFORE SOLUTION.—In science it occurs every day and every hour that a man, immediately before the solution, remains stuck, being convinced that his efforts have been entirely in vain—like one who, in untying a noose, hesitates at the moment when it is nearest to coming loose, because at that very moment it looks most like a knot.

204.

AMONG THE VISIONARIES. — The thoughtful man, and he who is sure of his intelligence, may